March 5, 2016

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the transfer of the 68-acre Mystic School property to the town of Groton because it has significant value as open space, being mostly forested and, as such, a prime habitat for wildlife, which is worthy of state protection. It should not be transferred from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the town of Groton without 1) a study of its potential value as protected open space and 2) a public hearing by the Groton Town Council on its intended uses for the property.

It is important to local residents and to wildlife that this property be protected, and this area is a draw for tourism in part because of the open space. It is important that this land is not developed, and I ask for your support in this.

Sincerely yours,

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